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CENTERVILLE TO HONOR VETERANS **Ceremony at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at Stubbs Park**

In commemoration of Veterans Day, the City of Centerville and Centerville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9550 are saluting the men and women who have helped protect, preserve and maintain our country's freedoms. A ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, November 11, at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 West Spring Valley Road.

The program includes remarks from Mayor Brooks Compton and a keynote address from Col. Eric Obergfell, commander of Defense Contract Management Agency at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Col. Obergfell leads a multi-service defense agency comprising more than 300 civilian and military personnel with full contract administration oversight and responsibility for \$34 billion in contract obligations, 15,000 contract actions and 1,000 contractors located in the tri-state areas of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. He has commanded Contracting Squadrons at Joint Bases Lackland and Andrews, where he enabled basic military training, cyber operations, facilities maintenance and flight operations for F-16s, C-5s, KC-135s, UH-1s and Special Air Missions to include Air Force One. His deployments include Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Staff Officer at Camp Victory, Iraq, for Operation Iraqi Freedom; DCMA Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) for JTF 510/J4 in Zamboanga, Philippines for Operation Enduring Freedom and Detachment 1 Chief of Staff for Operation DEEP FREEZE at McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

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Col. Obergfell's major awards and decorations include Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal. He was promoted to Colonel in 2015.

The service will also include color guard presentations from Centerville VFW Post 9550 and the Centerville Police and Washington Township Fire departments' honor guards. In addition, there will be musical performances by the Cline Elementary School Fifth Grade and the Centerville Community Band and a reading by a Centerville High School student. Cub Scout Pack 148 will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov for more information.

The Washington-Centerville Library and Centerville-Washington History will honor veterans with an exhibit Nov.10 - 12 during open hours and host an open house reception for veterans 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Nov. 11 at Centerville Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Road. For exhibit or reception information visit wclibrary.info, or call 433.8091.

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